

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended) A device for conditioning articles of clothing including a container means,

said container means including a top and bottom, and at least four sides cooperating to define an inner space,

said inner space including at least one clothing storage area for receiving articles of clothing to be conditioned, said inner space further including at least one moveable compartment means for the temporary placement of natural scent-source materials,

at least one panel means serving to separate said at least one moveable compartment means from said at least one clothing storage area, said at least one panel means further provided with passage means permitting natural and unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said at least one clothing article storage area,

means for closing said container means to permit conditioning to take place, whereby said compartment means is moveable to facilitate the placement of scent-source materials and clothing to be conditioned,

~~Claim 2 (original): The device in claim 1 wherein said means for closing said container means is a lid,~~

said container means includes an upper-most area and bottom-most area, said at least one panel means is positioned adjacent to said bottom-most area, but spaced from said bottom to thus define said at least one compartment means, so as to support said articles while separating said articles from said natural scent-source materials.

Claim 3 (original): The device in claim 2 wherein said at least one panel means is supported for adjustment, so as to be moved adjacent and apart from said natural scent-source materials, permitting access to said scent-source materials.

Claim 4 (original): The device of claim 2 wherein said at least one panel means includes a frame structure to which a wire-like mesh is attached, thus forming said passage means for scent-laden air.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The device in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2 wherein said means for closing said container means is a lid,

said container means includes an upper-most area and bottom-most area, said at least one panel means is positioned adjacent to said upper-most area to thus define said at least one compartment means, so as to support said natural scent-source materials in a position separated from said articles of clothing.

Claim 6 (original): The device of claim 5 wherein said at least one panel means fits within said lid, and is fastened thereto,

said one panel means includes a frame structure to which a wire-like mesh is attached, thus forming said passage means for scent-laden air.

Claim 7 (original): The device of claim 6 wherein said frame structure further includes a closure means temporarily affixed thereto,

said closure means is located on a side thereof remote from said inner space and adjacent an inner surface of the lid, said closure means holding said natural scent-source materials in place as said lid is moved to an open position.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The device of claim 7 wherein said one panel means is supported for adjustment, so as to be moved to positions adjacent and apart from said lid, permitting access to [[, and]] said scented materials through said closure means.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (original): A device for conditioning articles of clothing including a container means, said container means including a top and bottom, and at least four sides cooperating to define an inner space, said top includes a lid for closing said container means to permit conditioning to take place, said inner space of said container means further including an upper-most area and bottom-most

area, and at least one clothing storage area for receiving articles of clothing to be conditioned, first panel means positioned adjacent to said bottom-most area, for supporting thereon the clothing to be conditioned, said first panel means spaced from said bottom and defining therewith at least one compartment means for temporary storage of natural scent-source materials near but out of contact with said clothing articles, said first panel means further provided with passage means permitting natural and unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said at least one clothing article storage area, a second panel means positioned adjacent to said upper-most area to thus define a second compartment means for storage and support of natural scent-source materials in a position near to but separated from said articles of clothing, said second panel means provided with passage means permitting natural and unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said at least one clothing article storage area, said first and second panel means are adjustable so as to facilitate the insertion of clothing articles to be conditioned, and to provide access to the first and second compartments, said container means, when articles of clothing to be conditioned are placed therein and said natural scent-source materials are placed within the first and second compartment means, thus serves to condition said articles of clothing to impart a camouflaging scent thereto.

Claim 11 (original): A method of conditioning articles of hunter's clothing and gear to camouflage the scent of said clothing and gear prior to a hunt including the steps of gathering a collection of natural scent-source materials from a

prospective hunt site, providing a container means with an inner space that includes a holding area for hunter's clothing articles and other gear, all of which is to be conditioned, further providing said inner space with at least one container means within said inner space for temporary storage of said natural scent-source materials, placing a panel means with passages therethrough within the space to separate the clothing article space from the scent-source material while affording unforced flow of scent-laden air from the materials to the clothing articles, placing said articles of hunter's clothing and gear near said panel means, closing said container means to allow for the conditioning to take effect, opening the container means and removing the conditioned articles of clothing, using said conditioned and scent-camouflaged hunter's clothing and gear in a hunt with the result that the quarry game cannot easily detect human-associated odors therefrom.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended) A device for conditioning articles of clothing and related gear, said device including:

a container, said container including a top and bottom, and at least one side wall defining an inner space including at least one storage area for receiving clothing and gear to be conditioned;

said container further including at least one moveable compartment within said inner space for temporary placement of scent-source materials;

said at least one moveable compartment including at least one panel
serving to separate said at least one moveable compartment and any
scent-source materials therein from said at least one storage area;

said at least one panel further provided with at least one passage
permitting unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said at least one
storage area;

means for closing said container to permit conditioning to take place;

whereby said compartment is moveable to facilitate the placement of scent-
source materials within said at least one compartment and placement of articles
to be conditioned within said storage area, while said at least one panel
separates said articles from said materials;

~~Claim 13 (new): The device in claim 12 wherein~~ said means for closing said container is a lid, said container includes an upper-most area and bottom-most area, said at least one panel is positioned adjacent to said bottom-most area, but spaced from said bottom to thus define said at least one compartment; so as to support said articles while separating said articles from said scent-source materials.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The device of claim 13 wherein said at least one panel includes a frame structure and a mesh material, said mesh material attached to said frame structure, said mesh material thus forming said passage for scent-laden air;
whereby unforced scent-laden air is permitted circulation to said storage area to condition articles placed therein.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The device of claim 14 wherein said mesh material is selected from the group consisting of wire material, wire-like material, natural fiber material and wooden strip material.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The device of claim 15 wherein said mesh material is woven.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The device of claim 15 wherein said mesh material is non-woven.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A method of conditioning articles of hunter's clothing and gear to camouflage a scent of said clothing and gear prior to a hunt, said method including the steps of:

providing a container defining an inner space that includes at least one holding area for articles of hunter's clothing and gear, all of which are to be conditioned;

further providing said container, within said inner space, with at least one compartment for temporary storage of natural scent-source materials;

providing at least one moveable panel with airflow passages therethrough within said inner space to close said at least one compartment, thereby separating said at least one compartment from said at least one holding area while permitting airflow between said compartment and said holding area;

moving said at least one panel to a first position affording access to said at least one compartment and to said at least one holding area;

charging said at least one compartment with a collection of natural scent-source materials gathered from a prospective hunt site;

placing articles of hunter's clothing and gear within said at least one holding area;

moving said at least one panel to a second position wherein said scent-source materials are positioned adjacent said articles yet separated therefrom by said at least one moveable panel;

closing said container to permit conditioning of said hunter's clothing and related gear;

removing said hunter's clothing and related gear from said holding area following said conditioning;

whereby said clothing and gear are conditioned for a hunt by scents gathered from a prospective hunt site, such that quarry game cannot easily detect human-associated odors therefrom.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of conditioning articles of hunter's clothing and gear to camouflage a scent of said clothing and gear prior to a hunt, as set forth in Claim 18, and further including:

providing said container, within said inner space, with at least one additional compartment for temporary storage of natural scent-source materials wherein said holding area is defined between said at least one compartment and said at least one additional compartment;

charging said at least one additional compartment with a collection of natural scent-source materials gathered from a prospective hunt site;

Claim 20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): A device for conditioning articles of clothing including a container means,

said container means including a top and bottom, and at least four sides cooperating to define an inner space,

said inner space including at least one clothing storage area for receiving articles of clothing to be conditioned, said inner space further including at least one compartment means for the temporary placement of natural scent-source materials,

at least one panel means serving to separate said at least one compartment means from said at least one clothing storage area, said at least one panel means further provided with passage means permitting natural and unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said at least one clothing article storage area,

means for closing said container means to permit conditioning to take place; said means for closing said container means is a lid, said container means includes an upper-most area and bottom-most area,

said at least one panel means is positioned adjacent to said bottom-most area, but spaced from said bottom to thus define said at least one compartment means, so as to support said articles while separating said articles from said natural scent-source materials.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The device in claim 21 wherein said at least one panel means is supported for adjustment, so as to be moved adjacent and apart from said natural scent-source materials, permitting access to said scent-source materials.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A device for conditioning articles of clothing including a container means,

said container means including a top and bottom, and at least four sides cooperating to define an inner space,

said inner space including at least one clothing storage area for receiving articles of clothing to be conditioned, said inner space further including at least one compartment means for the temporary placement of natural scent-source materials,

at least one panel means serving to separate said at least one compartment means from said at least one clothing storage area, said at least

one panel means further provided with passage means permitting natural and unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said at least one clothing article storage area,

means for closing said container means to permit conditioning to take place; wherein said means for closing said container means is a lid;

said container means includes an upper-most area and bottom-most area, said at least one panel means is positioned adjacent to said bottom-most area, but spaced from said bottom to thus define said at least one compartment means, so as to support said articles while separating said articles from said natural scent-source materials;

wherein said at least one panel means includes a frame structure to which a mesh is attached, thus forming said passage means for scent-laden air.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A device for conditioning articles of clothing including a container means,

said container means including a top and bottom, and at least four sides cooperating to define an inner space,

said inner space including at least one clothing storage area for receiving articles of clothing to be conditioned, said inner space further including at least one compartment means for the temporary placement of natural scent-source materials,

at least one panel means serving to separate said at least one compartment means from said at least one clothing storage area, said at least one panel means further provided with passage means permitting natural and unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said at least one clothing article storage area,

means for closing said container means to permit conditioning to take place, wherein said means for closing said container means is a lid;

said container means includes an upper-most area and bottom-most area,

said at least one panel means is positioned adjacent to said upper-most area to thus define said at least one compartment means, so as to support said natural scent-source materials in a position separated from said articles of clothing;

wherein said at least one panel means fits within said lid, and is fastened thereto, said at least one panel means includes a frame structure to which a mesh is attached, thus forming said passage means for scent-laden air.

Claim 25 (previously presented) The device of claim 24 wherein said frame structure further includes a closure means temporarily affixed thereto,

said closure means is located on a side thereof remote from said inner space and adjacent an inner surface of the lid, said closure means holding said natural scent-source materials in place as said lid is moved to an open position.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The device of claim 25 wherein said at least one panel means is supported for adjustment, so as to be moved to positions adjacent and apart from said lid, permitting access to said scented materials through said closure means.